GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HIV
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that HIV infection has reached epidemic proportions in the country;

(b) if so, whether newly married women reporting HIV positive during anti-natal (during pregnancy) are rising;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct HIV tests compulsory before marriage to restrict HIV infection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): No, Sir. The Government does not propose to conduct mandatory HIV test before marriage.